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Dear Sir:

If any charges or fees must be paid in connection with the following communication, they may be paid out of our Deposit Account No. 502428.

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2007 in the aboveidentified patent application. Please amend the application as indicated, and consider the following Remarks, toward reconsideration and allowance of the application. Applicant is filing contemporaneously herewith a Request for Continued Examination, to ensure entry and consideration of the present Amendment and Communication after Final Action.

Amendments to the Claims being on page 2 herein.

Remarks begin on page 5.

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